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Comment OPPOSED to RM-11306

This bandwidth proposal certainly does touch all operators. The way it stands, many of the modes will be dreadfully harmed - if not eliminated.

Amateur radio has ALWAYS been a hobby built on experimentation, design and building equipment. The rise in technology has taken most of that away. We no longer can build a SSB transceiver. The technology has risen so much an average licensed amateur radio operator can't even *repair* their own equipment.

However, there IS one small window that continues to offer this original concept and give thousands of amateur radio operators the chance to learn so much more about their equipment and the technology of transmitting and receiving signals. AM continues to offer the same congenial and gracious attitude that accompanies this mode of operation but the problem occurs that Amplitude Modulation has no dedicated place to operate. For years, the "AM window" was a gentlemen's agreement among other phone operations but the newly licensed amateurs do not know about this, have not been taught the word 'gentlemen' and the AM operators continue to scramble in order to find a suitable place to operate since the 'window' has been virtually closed.

With the elimination of the Novice license, the Novice CW band is virtually unused. Just as the FCC has set aside a portion of each band for CW, the answer for bandwidth is simple. VERY simple. Move the AM signals of nominally 5-8Kc bandwidth into this unused portion and the 'wars' are over! Everyone wins.

Why has the FCC not paid attention to this? Better question - WHY has the ARRL not paid attention, not listened to it's membership to help eliminate this bandwidth problem?

The answer is just TOO simple.

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